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By Electronic and Overnight Delivery

Mr. Walter Mugdan, Director
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Re: *Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study for the Lower Passaic River Study Area, CERCLA Docket No. 02-2007-2009 (RI/FS AOC)*

Dear Mr. Mugdan:

On behalf of the Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA) Cooperating Parties Group (CPG), I am writing to request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience.

As you know, the CPG is completing a Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the 17-mile LPRSA from Dundee Dam to the mouth of the Lower Passaic River. That RI/FS is being conducted by the CPG pursuant to the above-referenced RI/FS AOC, entered into by Region 2 and the CPG on May 8, 2007.

The CPG has previously expressed its concern to Region 2 regarding the remedy selection process for the lower 8-miles of the LPRSA, which is the subject of both the RI/FS and Region 2's *Superfund Proposed Plan for the Lower Eight Miles of the Lower Passaic River Part of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site* (Proposed Plan). The CPG provided Region 2 with its detailed comments on the Proposed Plan prior to the close of the public comment period. Therefore, the purpose of our meeting request is not to discuss the CPG's comments on the Proposed Plan.

Rather, the CPG believes the remedy selection process for the LPRSA is at a critical stage and it is necessary to discuss how we can work together to promote a global, consensus solution for remediation of the full study area. The CPG believes that

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it is in the best interest of all parties involved, including, most importantly, the public interest, to work together toward this goal, and we are committed to meaningful engagement with Region 2 regarding a positive path forward.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



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